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Burma - Communist China:

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[redacted] has confirmed the existence of a secret Sino-Burmese agreement--resulting from the recent border treaty--authorizing troops of both countries to operate against Chinese Nationalist irregulars up to 15 miles on either side of the border. [redacted]

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[redacted] about 2,000 Chinese Communist troops have been operating in Burma since late November. [redacted]

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[redacted] Communist troops have not pursued the irregulars after driving them from this border zone, [redacted] the armed irregulars do not intend to retreat into Laos. [redacted]

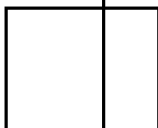
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Nepal: [The Communist party in Nepal is reportedly divided in its interpretation of King Mahendra's 15 December takeover of the government. One wing views the King's move as a swing to the right, while the other argues that the King's ouster of the Nepali Congress government will actually help the Communist party. Mahendra is reportedly withholding action against the Communists at least for the time being. Several of the party's top leaders, en route home from the Moscow conference, are in India; those in Nepal were not arrested in the King's roundup of politicians. The moderate composition of the King's caretaker council of ministers, announced on 26 December, may strengthen the Communist faction which is urging opposition to the King's "rightist" actions.]

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 Burmese Ag. Believed Permits Chinese Troops to Engage in Military Activities in Burma

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[redacted] has confirmed reports that about 2,000 Chinese troops are operating against Chinese Nationalist irregulars in the China-Burma-Laos border area. These operations have been undertaken, he stated, under a secret military agreement--resulting from the Sino-Burmese border treaty [redacted]

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[redacted] Troops from both countries have been authorized to operate up to 15 miles on either side of the border; he claimed that the Chinese Communists have inflicted heavy casualties on the irregulars.]

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[The agreement is said to have been drafted at [redacted] initiative; he reportedly guaranteed to the Chinese that their military actions would receive no publicity in Burma. Only a handful of Burmese officials know of the agreement, and even Prime Minister Nu professes not to have been officially informed. Nu stated flatly in a press conference on 20 December that there was no agreement, and that if there were Chinese Communist troops in Burma who refused to leave, "they would be driven out." Official acknowledgment of this military cooperation would arouse widespread apprehension in Burma.]

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[So far, the agreement appears to be of a temporary nature, restricted to the protection of the joint Sino-Burmese demarcation teams operating in the eastern Shan border area. However, it appears that the Chinese Communists have taken the initiative in attacking groups of KMT irregulars within the border area.]

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[redacted] neither the Chinese Communists nor the Burmese have pursued the irregulars outside the immediate border zone. [redacted] discounted reports that the armed irregulars, estimated at 3,500, plan to retreat into Laos. He asserted that only noncombatants and a field hospital have been withdrawn from Burma into Laos.]

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